



BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

2016 TRENTENAIRE

(French for 'of thirty years')

Petit Verdot based Bordeaux-Style Blend

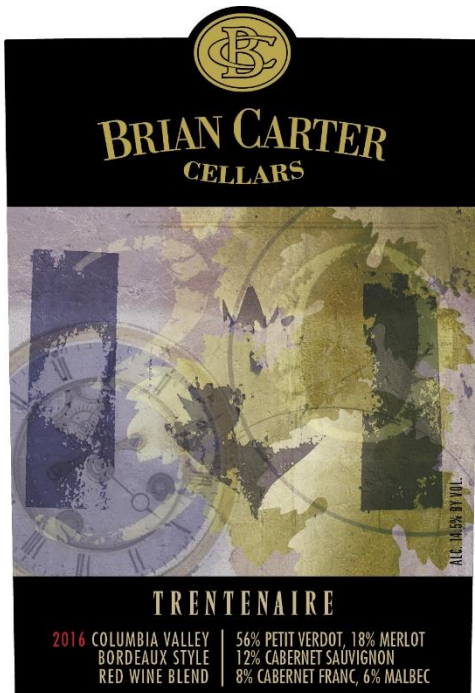
Columbia Valley AVA

While Petit Verdot has always been a classic Bordeaux grape, it is either used in very moderate amounts or entirely absent in most Bordeaux blends. Now half a world away, Washington has proved to be a great home for Petit Verdot. With its floral aromatic qualities combined with its inky hue and powerful structure, this limited production wine is truly special. Now in its eleventh release, it continues my celebration of what is now over four decades as a Washington Winemaker; I think the unique character of Trentenaire captures the spirit of my winemaking career:

Make a difference, do it well, do it better.

The wine is intensely dark in color with aromas of lilacs, pie cherries, black raspberries, musk and cedar arising generously from the glass. As the wine enters the mouth; full flavors, tannins and acidity are evident while the finish is rich and long. Aerating the wine by decanting helps bring out the layers of fruit and spice on the nose and palate. Serve along side rare steak with roasted onions and tomatoes.

Wine Data



Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

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| Petit Verdot | 56% |
| Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (47%) | |
| Lonesome Springs Vineyard, Yakima Valley (9%) | |
| Merlot | 18% |
| Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope | |
| Cabernet Sauvignon | 12% |
| Klipsun Vineyard, Red Mountain | |
| Cabernet Franc | 8% |
| Dineen Vineyard, Yakima Valley | |
| Malbec | 6% |
| Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope | |

Oak Aging

22 months in 100% French oak, 40% new & 60% used (1-4 years)

Analysis at Harvest

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| Harvest Dates | 9-3 to 10-29, 2015 |
| Average Brix | 25.6 |
| Average TA | 0.52% |
| Average pH | 3.50 |

Analysis at Bottling

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| Bottling Date | July 10, 2017 |
| Residual Sugar | <0.1% |
| TA (%) | 0.61% |
| pH | 3.75 |
| Alcohol | 14.5% |

Release Date February 2021

Case Production 388 cases

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Winemaker

“A Passion for the Art of Blending”